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Ref: 18-F-0852

Mr. Carlos Gamez  
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Dear Mr. Gamez:

This is in response to your April 18, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. We received your request on the same day it was submitted and assigned it case number 18-F-0852. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (LA), the Joint Staff (JS), the Office of the Secretary of Defense Communication (SecDef Comm), and the Executive Services Directorate (ESD), components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted searches of their records system based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of LA, JS, ESD and SecDef Comm, no records of the kind you described could be identified. We believe the search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

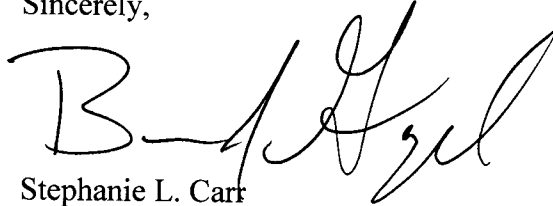
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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within

90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to [osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil](mailto:osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil). If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 18-F-0852 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Ms. Nusheen Sikandar, [nusheen.sikandar.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nusheen.sikandar.civ@mail.mil) or 571-372-0437.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Carr', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosures:  
As stated.

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Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense  
FOIA Office  
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April 18, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All materials prepared by the DoD that was presented to senators in regards to attacking Syria.  
(See Caution-<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/17/politics/us-syria-briefing-trump/index.html>)

Request for expedited processing:

The records are of interest to the American public. This will show and inform the public about what the policy is and what will happen. Based on your knowledge, be advised that it is urgent to tell the public. It will be published on Muckrock and I request it also be published in the FOIA library

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Carlos Gamez

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